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For: "Pablo, A Polypeptide That Interacts with  
BCL-XL, and Uses Related Thereto"

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Examiner: Michael C. Wilson

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Washington, D.C. 20231

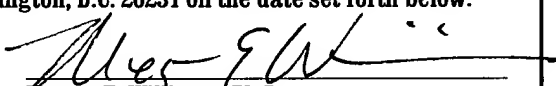
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001 (Paper No. 4).

The Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

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| Group I.  | Claims 1-4, 14 and 15, drawn to nucleic acids, a vector, and a neural cell line which express a heterologous Pablo polypeptide classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 |
| Group II. | Claims 5-11 and 21, drawn to proteins, chimeric proteins, and a method of identifying a compound using proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 350 and others.    |

- Group III. Claim 13, drawn to antisense, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5
- Group IV. Claim 16, drawn to a non-human transgenic animal, classified in class 800, subclass 13.
- Group V. Claims 17 and 18, drawn to a method of modulating apoptosis, classified in various classes and subclasses.
- Group VI. Claim 19, drawn to a method of treatment, classified in various classes and subclasses.
- Group VII. Claim 20, drawn to a method of identifying a compound using cells, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

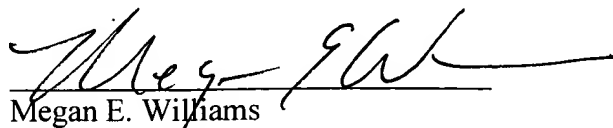
Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (Claims 1-4, 14 and 15) for prosecution, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

#### SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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